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1. NORWEGIAN EMBASSY COUNSELOR MET WITH DONALD R. KING, ACTING DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY, OES/ENP, AND EUR/RPE AND IO DESK OFFICERS APRIL 7 TO PRESENT MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON ENVIRONMENT (HLM). THRUST OF NORWEGIAN APPROACH WAS TO SEEK U. S. SUPPORT FOR FIRM DECISION IN PRINCIPLE TO CONVENE HLM AT ECE 33RD SESSION WITH TWO-TOPIC AGENDA, TRANSBOUNDARY AIR POLLUTION (TBAP) AND LOW- AND NON-WASTE TECHNOLOGY (LWT).

2. NORWEGIAN MEMORANDUM CITES RESULTS OF NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN OSLO, MARCH 9 - 10, STRESSING CONTINUITY IN CSCE PROCESS, WELCOMING COOPERATION WITH AIM OF ARRIVING AT DECISION AT ECE 33RD SESSION, AND EXPRESSING HOPE SUCH DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN AT THAT SESSION. TO THIS END, GOVERNMENTS OF FINLAND, ICELAND, NORWAY, AND SWEDEN HAVE SUBMITTED DRAFT PROPOSAL (COPY NOT AVAILABLE NORWEGIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON) FOR DECISION AT 33RD SESSION TO HOLD HLM IN ECE FRAMEWORK. CENTRAL TOPIC AT HLM SHOULD BE TBAP WITH OBJECTIVE OF ADOPTING FRAMEWORK CONVENTION. ANOTHER TOPIC WHICH, IN VIEW OF THESE GOVERNMENTS AND ON BASIS OF ANALYSIS BY STANOVNIK WOULD ALSO MEET AGREED ECE CRITERIA, IS LWT. FOUR GOVERNMENTS FINALLY STATE TIME IS RIPE TO TAKE DECISION AT 33RD SESSION, THAT THIS WOULD INITIATE NEGOTIATIONS TO BRING ABOUT SUBSTANTIAL RESULTS AT HLM TO SOLVE URGENT ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN ECE REGION, AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3. KING RESPONDED TO COMMENTS SUPPORTING ABOVE LINE BY NORWEGIAN COUNSELOR STANGHOLM BY INDICATING U. S. WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT TAKING DECISION IN PRINCIPLE AT ECE 33RD SESSION IF CONDITIONS PREVIOUSLY ENUNCIATED IN ECE BY U. S. WERE MET AND IF EIGHTEEN-MONTH PREPARATORY PERIOD ARRANGED. KING NOTED GREAT U. S. INTEREST IN TBAP TOPIC IN VIEW OF ACID PRECIPITATION PROBLEM IN NORTH AMERICA, AND SAID THAT ECE SEEMED REASONABLE FORUM IN WHICH TO ADDRESS THIS REGIONAL ISSUE. HE INDICATED THAT AT PRESENT U. S. NEEDED TO BE PERSUADED THAT LWT TOPIC FULLY MET ECE AGREED CRITERIA, ESPECIALLY AS TO NEED FOR HIGH-LEVEL DECISIONS. IN REPLY TO QUESTION, STANGHOLM WAS UNABLE TO SIGNIFY SPECIFIC RESULTS WHICH MIGHT BE ATTAINABLE AT 33RD SESSION EXCEPT FOR AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO CONVENE HLM. KING STATED IN CONCLUSION THAT U. S. WOULD GIVE CAREFUL STUDY TO NORWEGIAN MEMORANDUM.

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